


Entrance Antiphon All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you & not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name & deal with us according to bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm Praise the Lord, my soul!


Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

ROSTERS - 4th/5th October 2025	
Please arrange a swap if you are not available	
Bemboka Sat 6pm	
Commentator	H Woollett
Readers	G Bevitt
Cleaners	
Candelo Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	L Thompson
Readers	J Coman
Cleaners - Oct	Julie & Phil Banks
Tathra Sun 7:45am	
Commentator	Kate D'Arcy
Readers	Peter D'Arcy
Cleaners	Mary Plevey
Audio-Visual	Trish Sly
Eucharistic Ministers	Denise Miller, Denise Miller
Bega Sun 9:30am	
Commentator	M Dessmann
Readers	M Russell
Gifts	Volunteer
Music	Matt Heffernan
Acolyte	Frank Farrell
Eucharistic Ministers	Bev Larkin, C Tarlinton
Nursing Home	A Tarlinton, F Farrell
	
For Sale: Sunday Missal - \$32; Children's Mass Book - \$10. Contact the office or place your order in a marked envelope in the 2nd collection.	

St Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding and upholding the rights and dignity of all our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families & carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to and to be protected. This approach is at the centre of all our thinking and actions. Parishioners are encourage to communicate concerns by emailing Fr Adrian, the Parish Office, the Parish Safeguarding Officer or directly to IPSS (ipss@cg.org.au)

St. Pat's Choir practices Thurs 5.15—6pm Contacts Mary 0428 471 012 or Matt 0429 338 348.
Meditation & Contemplative Prayer Meeting is held on Monday at 7.30pm in the annex of Star of the Sea Church at Tathra.
Sunday Readings Reflection Group Tuesday at 7pm Star of the Sea Tathra. All Welcome.
ROSARY - all are welcome. Tathra - 7:20am before Sunday Mass Bega - 9am before Sunday Mass
MENS' GROUP: 2nd & 4th Thursdays St Patrick's Church. Contact David Grainger: 0409 430 997
St Patrick's Sacramental Programme <i>Baptisms</i> —During Mass, 1 month notice <i>Confirmation 2025</i> — 8th June 2025 <i>Weddings</i> —by appoint, 6 months notice req. Please contact the Parish Office.
Syro-Malabar Mass 4th Wed of the Month 5pm Bega. Contact Lijoy 0469 341 965 സീറോ-മലബാർ കുർബാന മാസത്തിലെ 4 ബുധനാഴ്ച വൈകുന്നേരം 5 മണിക്ക് ബേഗ. ബന്ധപ്പെടുക: ലിജോയ് 0469 341 965



26th Sunday - Year C

28th September 2025

St. Patrick's Parish

St. Patrick's, Bega - St. Columba's, Bemboka - St. Joseph's Candelo
Star of the Sea, Tathra.

Fr. Adrian Chan. Parish Priest.

Mrs. Tanya Tomlinson, Parish Secretary.

Hrs 9-2 Tuesday & Thursday

Safeguarding, Mrs. Emma Grant,

St. Patrick's School, Bega. Mrs. Jo Scott-Pegum (Principal) 6492 5500

Lumen Christi Catholic College, Pambula. Mr. Shane Giles 6495 8888

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We acknowledge the Djirringanj People, the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon & cared for this land for thousands of years. We pay our respect to Elders past, present & emerging. We acknowledge & respect their continuing culture & the contribution they make to the life of the Bega Valley.



Are We Listening?

Still on the theme of the proper use of money, Jesus tells another parable this time showing, in story form, the meaning of the beatitudes in ch 6: 'Happy you who are poor' and 'Woe to you who are rich.' In the story a wealthy man is utterly unaware of the misery of the poor man who lies at his gate. When they die they find that the situation is reversed. Now it is the rich man who is in need of a mere drop of water and it is Lazarus the poor man who is happy with Abraham in heaven. The point of the story is not to promote the idea of 'pie in the sky when you die'. It is rather an attack on the greed and selfishness in a world of plenty that leaves the poor excluded. If this was a problem in biblical times, it pales into insignificance when we consider today's world and the scale of the misery experienced by so many. The parable retains all its force; the difference is Jesus did come back from the dead and not just to tell us about heaven but about the poor people at the gate. Are we listening?

It would probably be true to say that most Christians nowadays do not give much thought to the questions about the Second Coming of Jesus. However our life of faith cannot be reduced to following a set of rules. Rather our Christianity must give thought to the fact it depends on a relationship. In this way we will, like Amos, be impatient for an end to all the lifestyles and practices that run contrary to the values of the kingdom of God. Christ has died, Christ is risen, and Christ will come again!

Sean Goan.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time





Vinnies News: There will be a leaving collection after Mass on this Sunday for the Bega SVDP Conference. This collection is to support us in our Twinning program, an initiative called the Overseas Partnership Program. The Bega Conference is twinned with a conference in India, Tamil Nadu region. Funds raised from this collection will be sent to our Twin conference to assist them in their good works.

St Patrick's Primary News: Enrolling now - All grades including kinder 2026. For further details and to book an appointment contact the school office 6492 5500.

Australia Needs Fatima: Australia-wide Rosary day. Saturday 11th October, 10.am at grotto St. Patricks Bega. Bring a fold up chair.

Catholic Voice: The print edition is now available at the church entrance.

Save the Date! *An Afternoon of Taizé* Sunday 16th November 2pm Star of the Sea Tathra. An Ecumenical contemplative prayer service.

School Holiday Office Hours: Open 9am-2pm 30th Sept & 2nd Oct. Closed 7th & 9th October. Thank You

Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia—retreats, pilgrimages, workshops, and more. Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community.

Br Michael Herry Music workshop: Sunday 9th Nov 2pm St Matthews Page. Br Michael presents his music for advent and Christmas, Psalm settings and resources of Marist Music. All Welcome, Free Admission. Enquires: belconnensouth@cg.org.au

Women's Retreat Day 25th Oct. "*Jesus heals the wounded heart*" hosted by 'Call to Connect' and supported by the MGL Sisters. The day includes short talks, sharing in small groups, personal prayer and reflection, adoration, reconciliation and prayer ministry. Starts: 8.45-9.30am, at: Holy Spirit Parish Rooms and Church, Amaroo. More information and to register: <https://events.humanitix.com/jesushealsthewoundedheart>

You're Invited - after mass

- ✦ *Tathra* - Breakfast 2nd Sunday of the Month
 - ✦ *Bega* - Morning Tea last Sunday of the Month
- All Welcome. Please bring a friend.**

Sacrament of Penance/Reconciliation

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| <i>Bega</i> | Saturday, 9.40 - 10am |
| <i>Bemboka</i> | before vigil Mass |
| <i>Candelo</i> | before vigil Mass |
| <i>Tathra</i> | before Sunday Mass |

Fr Adrian Contact: Mobile: 0411 676 064
Email: Adrian.Chan@cg.org.au

Sunday Mass Times

- *Bemboka* - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil
- *Candelo* - Saturdays - 6pm Vigil 1st, 3rd, 5th
- Sundays - 9:30am liturgy 2nd, 4th
- *Tathra* - Sundays - 7.45am Mass
- *Bega* - Sundays - 9.30am Mass
- 4th Sunday- 9:30am Family Mass

Weekdays

- Tuesday 4.00pm Bega Chapel
- Wednesday 9.00am Tathra.
- Thursday 9.15am Bega Chapel
- *Hillgrove House 3rd Thursday 3pm*
- Friday 9.15am Bega Chapel
4:30-5:30pm Bega '*Holy Hour of Mercy*'
- Saturday 9.15am Bega Church

RECENTLY DECEASED: Bishop Patrick Power, Elaine Sawtell

ANNIVERSARIES Paul Malone, Daniel McCambridge, Heather Pook, Bernard Collins

Feasts Days this Week

28th - Sts Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs. Remembered as courageous missionaries who sowed abundant seeds of the Christian faith in the Philippines, Taiwan and Japan and who remained fearless in the face of death.

28th - St Wenceslaus, Martyr 907-929. Remembered as the earliest Slav saint.

29th - Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels. Each of the 3 angels is named as a messenger of God, entrusted with special divine missions on earth.

30th - St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church 340-420. Author if the Vulgate translation.

1st Oct - St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor of the Church 1873-1897. Known through her popular autobiography & loved for her unaffected simplicity.

2nd - The Holy Guardian Angels Based on the belief that God assigns everyone an angel to guard body and soul, an expression of God's personal care for each individual. A similar belief is also found in Jewish and other religious thought.

4th - St Francis of Assisi 1181-1226. His "Canticle of the Sun" captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An outstanding example of the beatitude "Blessed are the poor in spirit".

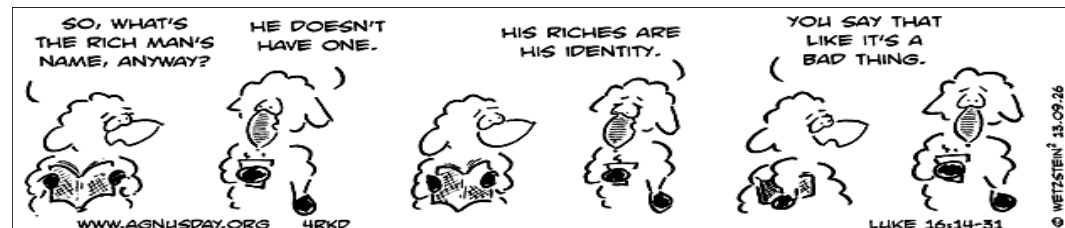


Minute Meditations - Be Poor in Spirit

Regardless of our own financial situation, we all can be poor in spirit. Being poor in spirit means realizing that God owns everything. We personally own no more than the beggar on the street. No matter what financial and material riches we may have accumulated in this life, if we are poor in spirit we claim no credit for what we have acquired. We see everything as a gift from God, entrusted to us for both our benefit and the benefit of the world.

We know we are not entitled to an overabundance while others live with crippling scarcity. We hear the call to share our gifts with those who do not have what they need. We are willing to give up some luxuries so we can share more with the poor of the world. We live in solidarity with them. As one family in Christ, he asks no more of us than that.

- From Franciscan Spirit's "*Learning to Live Simply*" by Sue Erschen



Spirituality of Synodality

Listening to God's Word .

A synodal Church begins by listening. We listen to Scripture, to God in prayer, and to one another. God speaks through His Word and through the voices of His people .

Reflection: Am I listening carefully to God's Word and to the people around me ?

Prayer: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Wise Words:

"The moment we cease to hold each other, the moment we break faith with one another, the sea engulfs us and the light goes out."
- James Baldwin.